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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG IR  
SUBJ: YEGANEH NAMED IRANIAN OPEC MINISTER

1. MOHAMMED YEGANEH HAS BEEN NAMED AS IRAN'S NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, THE JOB PREVIOUSLY HELD BY JAMSHID AMOUZEGAR. YEGANEH WAS THE PRINCIPAL IRANIAN SPOKESMAN IN THE CIEC MEETINGS; AND, SINCE LAST MONTH'S CABINET CHANGES, HE HAS BEEN HEAD OF THE PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION. YEGANEH WILL REPORTEDLY CONTINUE AS PBO CHIEF WHILE UNDERTAKING THE ADDITIONAL OPEC RESPONSIBILITIES. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RMOR, THE TWO LEADING CANDIDATES FOR THE OPEC PORTFOLIO HAD BEEN YEGANEH AND MANOUCHER AGAH, AN AMOUZEGAR PROTEGEE AND NEW MINISTER OF STATE.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YEGANEH'S SELECTION IN TODAY'S PRESS SUGGESTS THAT THE APPOINTMENT MAY BE PROVISIONAL SINCE IT MERELY SAYS THAT HE WILL REPRESENT IRAN AT THE NEXT OPEC MEETING. HOWEVER, WE ARE INFORMED THAT YEGANEH'S APPOINTMENT IS NO MORE PROVISIONAL THAN ANY OTHER CABINET LEVEL APPOINTMENT IN THE GOI, AND THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPOINTMENT IS OF AN INDEFINITE DURATION. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER YEGANEH WILL CONTINUE AS OPEC FUND CHAIRMAN.

3. YEGANEH DOES NOT HAVE (1) THE EXPERIENCE IN OIL AND OPEC AFFAIRS, (2) THE FORCEFUL PERSONALITY, AND (3) THE SAME TYPE OF CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHAH

THAT AMOUZEGAR HAD. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF  
YEGANEH WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN FOR IRAN THE SAME LEVEL  
OF VISIBILITY AND INFLUENCE IN OPEC AS IT HAD WITH  
AMOUZEGAR AS ITS OPEC NEGOTIATOR AND SPOKESMAN.

4. COMPLETE BIO DATA ON YEGANEH IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT.  
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